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1. In the Angkatan Perang Republik Indonesia (APRI) a full strength company  
comprises 64 men. A battalion is made up of 4 companies and is commanded by  
a major. Four battalions make up a brigade which is usually commanded by a  
lieutenant colonel.
2. Exact figures on the strength of the APRI are unobtainable; even the Ministry  
of Defense does not have an accurate count of its strength. The disposition  
of the APRI is:

Units	Approximate Strength	Area
Four divisions	100,000	Java
Four regular brigades	17,500	Sumatra
Two regular brigades	(not given)	Borneo
One division	25,000	East Indonesia

JAVA

Unit	Strength	Area Occupied	Commandant
1 Division	25,000	East Java HQ Malang	Col. Bambang Sugeng
1 Brigade		Bodjonegoro	
2 Brigade		Kediri	

The 1 Division has not yet taken effective measures against the guerrilla  
groups such as Abidin Effendi's Kutjing Hitam which are concentrated around  
Wlingi in southern Malang or against the remnants of Tan Malaka's Lasjkar Murba  
which are still active around Mt. Wilis in Kediri. The 2 Brigade still has under  
arrest 100 members of the Tentara Peladjaran who resisted the efforts of the  
APRI to disarm them.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Area Occupied</u>	<u>Commandant</u>
<u>2 Division</u> (Comprises 6 brigades)	25,000	Jogjakarta and Solo Areas HQ Jogjakarta	Col. Mangkunegoro
<u>3 Division</u>	22,500	Middle Java HQ Semarang	Col. Gatot Subroto Members of Staff: Lt. Col. Suprpto Maj. Askari Maj. Suhari Capt. Sumadi

Units of the 3 Division's Kuda Putih Brigade led by Lt. Dimjati have been unsuccessful in suppressing the terrorist activities of the Angkatan Ummat Islam's Lemah Laanang Battalion even though assisted by the Mobile Brigade of the Police. The Lemah Laanang Battalion is under Kiai Mahfud (aka Kiai Semalangu) and his second in command is Capt. Hadji Mursidik. This battalion is armed with 12.7 mm. machine guns. Approximately 500 well-armed members of this battalion have joined the Darul Islam forces in the Brebes area in operations against the Indonesian Army.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Area Occupied</u>	<u>Commandant</u>
<u>4 Division</u> (former Siliwangi Division)		West Java	Col. Sadikin COS Lt. Col. Sutoko
Two battalions		Middle Priangan	Maj. Sjamsu
I Battalion		Bandung (city)	Maj. Darsono
Reserve and Supply battalions		Bandung (city)	Lt. Col. Omen Abdurrahman
J Battalion		Bogor (town)	
T Battalion		Bogor (town) (being transferred to East Indonesia)	Capt. Djauhari
<u>4 Brigade</u>		Krawang HQ Purwakarta	Lt. Col. Sambas Atmadinata
Brigade		Cheribon HQ Cheribon (town)	Lt. Col. Daeng Mohammed Ardiwinata Int O Capt. Achmad
Battalion		Hauergeulis	
Battalion		Madjalengka	
Battalion		Kuningan	
Battalion		Cheribon (town)	

The battalion in Hauergeulis is facing the Tentara Islam Indonesia (TII) 2 Division under Daru. The battalion stationed at Madjalengka has frequent skirmishes with the TII.

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Three battalions (dispersed as noted below)	Bantem HQ Serang (town)	Maj. Abdullah
Battalion	Serang (town)	
Battalion	Djasinga Rangkasbitung Parungpandjang	
Battalion	Pandegiang	
Brigade	Vicinity of Mt. Tjakrabuana	Lt. Col. Nasuhi

The above brigade is engaged with the Darul Islam forces, but so far has been unable to suppress them.

The disposition of battalions of the 4 Division in and around Djakarta is:

S Battalion	Tangerang	
Siluman Battalion Kaladjengking Hitam Battalion	Djakarta (city)	Base Comdt. Djakarta Lt. Col. Taswin
Battalion	Tandjungpriok	Maj. Kemal Idris
Battalion	Bekasi	
X Battalion (part) (as of 15 October)	Towns of Tjibinong Tjiteureup Tjilangkap Depok	Maj. Oking

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Area Occupied</u>	<u>Commandant</u>
Banteng Brigade**	4,250	West Sumatra HQ Bukittinggi	Lt. Col. Dahlan Djambe GOS Maj. Thalib Dutch Military Attache Capt. Hol
Battalion (infantry)		Bukittinggi	Maj. Ahmad Hosen GOS Lt. Lt. Munafri Munaf
Two battalions		Padang	Garrison Comdr. 1st Lt. T. M. Jusuf Indra Int O 2nd Lt. S. Effendi
Company (infantry)		Teluk Bajur (Padang harbor)	
Battalion		Interior of West Sumatra	
Brigade**	5,000	South Sumatra	Lt. Col. Bambang Utoyo
Four battalions (infantry)			

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In addition to the four infantry battalions this brigade has:

Equipment

Echelon* of armored cars	2 medium machine guns
Echelon of Bren-gun carriers	
Trench-mortar company	3-inch mortars
Machine-gun company	Vickers-make weapons
Communications maintenance company	

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3. The largest APRI garrison and training center in Java are in Tjimahi. Because of the importance of this area, Defense Minister Abdul Halim has ordered Col. Sadikin, commander of the 4 Division, to reorganize the defense system around Tjimahi and Bandung. This move has been approved by Col. Sugondo, Halim's Military Adviser, and by Col. A. H. Nasution of the General Staff.
4. This plan calls for the following disposition of troops:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Commandant</u>
Brigade (infantry)	4,000		Lt. Col. Omen Abdurrahman COS Maj. Dule Abdullah
Battalion		Bandung	
Three battalions		Tjimahi	

5. The battalion in Bandung will form the Komando Militer Kota (City Military Command). One of the battalions in Tjimahi will remain in the town and the other two will patrol the surrounding area. This brigade in general is responsible for combatting guerrilla activity in the area bounded by Mt. Bukitung Cul, which is northeast of Bandung, westward to Mt. Durangrang and on to the Tjitarum River, and then south to Tagogapu, and from there to Gununghulu, which is southwest of Bandung.
6. There is a military academy in Tjimahi, formerly a Royal Netherlands Indonesian Army (RNIA) garrison, where about 650 ex-members of the Barisan Bambu Runtjing, who were captured by the Indonesian Army, are undergoing corrective training.
7. The APRI is organizing an armored cavalry corps which will consist of at least 12 echelons of armored cars and light tanks. Lt. Col. Surjo Surerso, an expert in mechanized cavalry tactics, is organizing this corps and will command it. Already more than 200 cadets are being trained in Djakarta for service in this unit.

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